"Young people as actors of change on the employability ecosystem"
• In 2019, the unemployment rate among young people aged 15-24 was 35.2% (more than twice the EU average of 14.5%) – 387,000 young people affected.
• In 2019, 19.1% of youths (15 – 24 years old) were reported as NEET.

The population of Greece is gradually decreasing and simultaneously ageing.

From a 10,569,703 total population, young people (15-24 years old) hold the 10.34% (male 577,134, female 519,819)

Our world is home to the largest generation of young people in its history, the next generation of social changers.

Young people's participation in decision making should be supported and promoted. In 2017, 54% of young people reported that they have not participated in any of the eight activities linked with social and civic participation during the past 12 months.
Since January 2021, UNICEF Greece Country Office has held five events related with the areas of youth participation.

Topics were linked to the areas of inclusive education, youth empowerment, skills building and transition from school to work.

Young people all over Greece have participated in these events.

Youth Participation at the anniversary event of UNICEF for the 75 years since its creation.
Youth Participation in Pictures
The group of young people, our Ambassadors, consists of more than 50 active and motivated young people (mostly between the age of 16 and 20) that will potentially act as multiplicators for social change and inspiration for young people across Greece.

Young people reached these events through UNICEF’s and Partners Organizations’ networks and schools, and form an active, versatile group, giving access and the opportunity to speak up to many young people with different backgrounds, including unprivileged communities, like Roma adolescents and youth, young refugees and people with disabilities.
Youth Commitment

It is really important to support young people, to emphasise their role as agents of positive change and to empower them to play a vital role in their personal development as well as in that of their communities. UNICEF Greece is proud to work close with young people.

1. Have an actual role
   - Facilitated conversations and panels
   - Open dialogue and constant feedback from them
   - Their opinion is taken into consideration

2. Create channels of communication between young people and Government entities, and other shareholders.

3. Youth-friendly versions of the UNICEF studies/policies
Securing a more firmly established commitment to greater participation for young people is one of the top UNICEF Greece Country Office priorities.

Next Steps

1. A stable and permanent structure
   - Meetings on a regular basis
   - Discussions about important youth-related topics
   - Access and insights on documents that affect them directly

2. Greater representation from children all over Greece

3. Development of friendly material

4. Continuing support from UNICEF
Surprisingly positive and inspirational!

Thank you!

Give Youth A Chance

The fresh air on the room!